Diabetics in the Country

3679. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than twenty million diabetics in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to control this new emerging epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) According to Indian council of Medical Research (ICMR), the estimated number of diabetic patients in the country is 25 million. Roughly 10% of this is stated to be youth onset diabetes of the young.

(b) The reasons are attributed to population ageing, unhealthy diets, obesity, sedentary life style etc.

(c) Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. A Pilot Project on strengthening of Bio-chemical laboratories and quality assurance was initiated in 1990-2000 in the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal & Punjab. Besides, Central Health Education Bureau(CHEB) has trategic/programmes including use of powerful electronic media to spread 'Health' messages about diabetes.

Manufacturing and marketing of spurious drugs

3680. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous manufacturing and marketing of spurious drugs in the country;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made by Government to assess the situation and to identify the manufacturers of the sub-standard drugs and the *modus operandi* of marketing their products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the problem of the manufacture, sale and distribution of spurious drugs, this is a clandestine activity indulged in by some unscrupulous and anti-social persons.